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Rabbis Back Arms Ring Suspects, Talks To End Fund Split Continue, Challenge Indictments By U. S. Says Lurie; Pact Reportedly OKd

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MIAMI—Two rabbis, a newspaperman and an Israeli army major came to the defense this week of the nine defendants indicted by a federal grand jury here on charges of flying warplanes to Israel.

Rabbi David Raab of Temple Isaiah lashed out from his pulpit at those "who seek to brand these American boys as traitors."

"The indictment of the young men is a mockery of the very concept of justice and fair play," he said, "for the United States was responsible to a great extent for the creation of the State of Israel. She has shirked her responsibility and is failing to fulfill her moral obligation."

He said that "America now condemns and indicts young men who were moved by the highest concept of true democracy, of guarding and protecting the ideals of freedom where they are endangered."

Heroes Not Violators

Rabbi Raab said the crushing of tyranny and the bringing of freedom to all parts of the world "must surely take precedence over legal technicalities. The young men should be regarded as heroes, not condemned."

Rabbi Jacob Kaplan, rabbi emeritus, said of the defendants "their offense was the same as that of Haym Solomon who loaned Robert Morris money with which to finance the American Revolution."

Jack Bell, columnist for the Miami HERALD, agreed and added:

"Haym Solomon was guilty of treason, too, as were Morris, George Washington and all the rest of the American leaders in the revolution. Americans who flew with Chennault's Flying Tigers in China shooting down Japanese before Pearl Harbor were doing the same thing as these B-17 fliers. So were Americans who flew planes to England and Africa for use by the Allied armies, before Germany declared war on us."

Bell concluded that "our country is neutral and as such, our citizens aren't permitted to participate . . . but I remember when Michael Kane of Hollywood,"



RABBI DAVID RAAB

we made collections for France and England before the war."

Israeli Defends Them

Major Wellesley Aron, whose World War II record earned him a citation from the U. S. Army, called the reports of a Russian-fed arms pipeline supplying Israeli troops an ill-founded rumor.

"It is so much ballyhoo," he told The Post. "The statements by the U.S. assistant district attorney (Fred W. Botts) are not true. Any talk of Russian aid to the cause of Zionism is nonsense. Only normal diplomatic relations link the two countries."

The nine indicted were Charles T. Winters of Miami; Adolph W. Schwimmer of Bridgeport, Conn.; Irwin R. Schindler of Miami Beach; Abraham J. Levin of North Hollywood, Calif.; Leon Gardner of North Hollywood; William Sosnow of New York City; Michael Kane of Hollywood;

Novelist In Israel TEL AVIV, Israel—Zelda Popkin, author of "The Journey Home" is in Israel to gather material for a new novel.

Beigen Calls Foes of Good Will Tour Liars; More Members of Reception Committee Resign

(Earlier Story Inside)

NEW YORK—Irgun commander Menachim Beigen struck back promptly this week at charges of three noted clergymen that his goodwill tour of the U. S. was a fraud as members of his reception committee began to resign.

"Distortions of fact" and "part of a smear campaign" were some of the comments Beigen used in a press conference in commenting on the statement issued earlier in Washington.

The Rev. Dr. Henry Sloan Coffin, the Rev. John La Farge and Rabbi Morris Lazaron denounced the head of the new Irgun political party, the Freedom Movement, and called on members of his reception committee to withdraw.

Harry Louis Selden, chairman of the American League for a Free Palestine, chief U. S. Bergson front group for the now-disbanded Irgun, was present at the interview.

Selden said that the clergymen's charge that the Irgun was a "totalitarian-minded group" that used American funds to buy arms from Soviet Russia, smacked of libel. He said he would seek means of obtaining "legal redress in so far as my responsibility for raising such funds is concerned."

In response to the clergymen's statements, three members of the reception committee resigned. Others said they would study the matter further. Others said they could not

recall whether they had authorized the use of their names.

Rep. David M. Potts of the Bronx announced he would resign from the committee, as did Arthur Hopkins, theatrical producer, and Mayor James J. Tully of Belleville, N. J.

Newman Backs Beigen

Rabbi Louis I. Newman of Congregation Rodelph Sholom came to the defense of Beigen. He called the clergymen's statement "only another attempt to sabotage the progress of Palestine Jewry and is in direct succession with other anti-Jewish pronouncements of the last several years organized by Lazaron." Rabbi Lazaron is a top official of the anti-Zionist American Council for Judaism.

At a banquet at the Waldorf-Astoria Monday night, Beigen predicted that "all of Palestine" eventually would be "free." He said he and his comrades were looking forward impatiently to the day when "we shall be able to devote all our energy toward constructive development."

He said his Freedom Movement advocated "a system of direct democracy in our land."

Novelist Ben Hecht also spoke at the dinner, praising the deeds of the Irgun.

"There is no Jew alive anywhere today or tomorrow who does not owe a part of his newly won spiritual health to the spirit of the Irgun," Hecht said.

Says Fund Talks On

Set For January 15

PHILADELPHIA — (NJP) — The general assembly of the Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds is scheduled to open here Jan. 15, it was announced this week.

The regular annual meeting took on special significance in view of CJFW efforts to heal the split in the United Palestine Appeal.

Leonard Burns of San Francisco and Erwin L. Johnson.

Winters surrendered last week and his attorney, Louis A. Sabatino, announced his client would not plead guilty.

The grand jury also named 21 persons as co-conspirators.



HARRY LURIE

Five Youths Held In N. Y. Arms Case

NEW YORK — A hearing against five youths charged with violating the Sullivan law in connection with two gun-loaded crates believed destined for Israel was set over this week until Dec. 9.

The five were found loading the crates onto a truck in a deserted garage near the Hudson River. Police said the five admitted being interested in Israel but denied knowing that the crates contained the weapons or the destination.

The defendants were George Studley, 18, a student; Ralph Gelbard, 25, Bound Brook, N. J.; Ephraim, his brother, a Rutgers University student; Michael Dermier, 21, a farmer, New Brunswick, N. J., and Bertram Koppelman, 22, a poultry dealer, Bound Brook.

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Sternists Threaten War On Israel Again

TEL AVIV, Israel—The remnants of the Stern group applied legal writs, violence, and the threat of underground war against the Israel government this week in a bid to win revocation of the ban outlawing them as a terrorist party.

The war threat was made in the first broadcast of an illegal Sternist transmitter which police radio cars failed to locate. The broadcast warned the government to restore the group's legality or the Sternists would fight the government with all means available. The means are believed to include substantial stores of small arms and explosives.

Seventy Sternists made a futile jailbreak near Tel Aviv after setting fire to their prison. A few hours earlier, the government had announced that Sternist chief Nathan Friedman would face charges Sunday of having led an illegal movement.

The bid by legal means ran into a snag in the Israel High Court. That body reserved judgment on application for an order against the government to show cause why its outlaw decree should not be revoked.

DORCHESTER, Mass. (NJP)—Rabbi Abraham I. Jacobson was formally installed as spiritual leader here of Temple Beth El Tuesday evening.

In The Eating

That's where the proof of the pudding is. And a tasty dish it is indeed that you find each week in The National Jewish Post. This week, for instance:

An exclusive report from Camden on the problem of Jewish children and public school Christmas celebrations plus some advice for parents from Carl Alpert.

Will fraternities drop their ban against Jewish students? Read the report on the meeting of the National Interfraternity Council.

Helen Cohen has a good tip on easy ways to enrich your Jewish background. Plus our unmatched news coverage and dozens of regular features.

By MARC H. TANENBAUM

National Jewish Post Correspondent NEW YORK—(NJP)—Negotiations are continuing in the United Palestine Appeal split and there has been no breakdown in peace talks, Harry L. Lurie, executive director of the Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds told The Post this week.

There were last minute unconfirmed reports that an agreement had been signed.

Lurie denied reports that a tentative peace agreement had cracked up and said that the CJFW was still continuing negotiations with the UPA and the opposing committee of Contributors.

The COC, made up of some of the largest givers to major Palestine funds, is fighting to diminish Zionist Organization of America controls over UPA funds. The fight involved the threat of two major fund-raising drives for Israel in the U.S. next year.

The tentative agreement reached last week in an all-night session reportedly covered the following points:

First, that the COC would be liquidated immediately; secondly, the local welfare funds were to be represented on the UPA board to the extent of 40 per cent of the membership, instead of the one-third representation offered by the ZOA-dominated UPA; third, the transmission of funds to Israel is to remain unchanged; fourth, that the five working UJA executives who resigned over naming of Harry L. Shapiro as executive director of the UPA were to be reinstated after consideration of each case by a special mediation committee.

(The Jewish World News Service reported that the reinstatement of Henry Montor, whose resignation as director of the UPA touched off the upheaval in U.S. fund-raising, was not even discussed, apparently at Montor's request.)

Lurie told The Post that both sides received on Tuesday morning a draft of a tentative agreement with the main issues those of procedure on fund transmission and the 40 per cent representation.

It had been reported last week that the agreement specifically provided that the UPA funds were to be sent directly to the Israel offices of the Jewish National Fund and the Palestine Foundation Fund, the two constituent bodies of the UPA.

"A feeling of agreement exists though not on everything but there has definitely been no falling apart," Lurie said.

He said that "so far" there had been no negative reaction to the tentative draft which he said would be either accepted or re-worked.

Lurie said he expected a final word by this weekend on the agreement to heal the shattering breach in U.S. fund-raising.

Pressure for a settlement was increased by announcement that American Jewry will be expected to raise most of the \$236,496,000 needed by UPA agencies in Israel for the fiscal year ending next October.

RABBI SILVER REAFFIRMS BAN ON MARRIAGES WITH PREVIOUS DIVORCE

CINCINNATI—Rabbi Eleizer Silver, leader of the ultra-orthodox branch of the U. S. rabbinate, issued a public warning this week to rabbis performing marriages in which either party previously has been divorced.

"All those who perform Jewish marriages in accordance with orthodox ritual are cautioned to make certain that the parties have secured a Jewish divorce (GET) in cases of previous marriages."

He said several cases of such marriages in which no "Get" was arranged had come to his attention and warned that "such unions are not legitimate and children born in such cases are considered illegitimate according to Jewish law."



SILVER

N. Y. Welfare Groups Cut Services; No Funds

NEW YORK—Several Jewish institutions in New York have been forced to cut services because rising costs have overtaken available funds, it was reported this week.

The disclosure was made by Benjamin Lazarus, city-wide chairman of the current Feder-

ation of Jewish Philanthropies of New York campaign for funds.

The Jewish Child Care Association said it has been unable to set up special foster homes for children with severe emotional or physical problems.

Other institutions reporting service cuts include the Jewish Board of Guardians, the Federation Employment Service, the National Desertion Bureau and the Lexington School for the Deaf.

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Set Jan. 25 Date For Israel Elections

TEL AVIV—(WNS)—The first general election in the state of Israel will be held on January 25, 1949, according to a unanimous decision reached last week by the Israeli State Council.

Isaac Gruenbaum, Minister of the Interior, reported that the recent nationwide registration showed 477,000 men and women would be eligible to vote. All voters will receive identity cards.

A 19-man committee, comprising representatives of 12 political parties, was chosen by the council to oversee the elections, prepare ballots and determine voting procedure. The election will be held without the international supervision that was envisioned in the original United Nations partition decision.

British Jews Revive Hale Experts Group

LONDON—(JTA)—The Board of Deputies of British Jews decided this week to reconvene the standing committee of legal experts that was set up in 1945 to advise it on legislation concerning the defamation of Jewish communities. The committee was empowered to accept new members and, after consultation with the Board's defense committee, consider steps to protect the Jews in Britain against vilification.

The decision to reconvene its legal experts committee was taken by the Board after a governmental body rejected a recommendation for the passage of legislation which would ban group defamation. In view of the widespread calumination of Jews in Britain, Morton Reuben, chairman of the law and parliamentary committee, stated, "it is an understatement to say that British Jews are disappointed by the decision of the government body."

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ARAB-JEWISH POPULATION SHIFT

NEW YORK—Renewal of proposals for mass shifts of Jewish and Arab populations in Israel and the Middle East came this week from two sources as far apart in ideology as could be imagined.

Support of such a proposal came from Meir Grossman, head of the World Zionists Revisionists, right wing Zionist group, and

Austerity Measures

Planned For Israel

TEL AVIV, Israel—Austerity measures are being introduced in Israel because "we cannot fight a war to bring in immigrants and build up the country without reducing our present high standards of living," S. S. Hoofien, newly-named Israeli economic coordinator, announced this week.

Hoofien and Dr. Fritz Bernstein, minister of trade and industry, announced jointly that profiteers in Israel will be heavily punished.

solution of this vexing problem," Grossman said.

He warned that King Abdullah's hold "over Transjordan is unwarranted and contrary to the best interests of revision; Transjordan is an integral part of Palestine and no British puppet state will be tolerated in our territory."

Israel Planning For Peace Army

TEL AVIV, Israel—Increasing stabilization of the Israel military forces appeared this week in an order halting unrestricted recruiting for the army.

The order also set up a regular reserve of men up to 45 years of age but did not abolish the general mobilization decree of last May 15.

Officials said the main object of the new orders were aimed at easing the manpower shortages. Some of Israel's industries have been crippled by the widespread draft.

A more systematic recruiting program has been made possible by the steady flow of immigrants coming in at the rate of more than 10,000 a month.

Officials also disclosed that plans are being made for a peacetime army and that army officers will visit Switzerland and other small countries.

S. A. Nationalists Keep Ban On Jews

JOHANNESBURG—(JTA)—The Congress of the Transvaal Nationalist Party this week concluded without consideration of a proposal to remove an existing ban on the membership of Jews in the party.

It is believed that opponents of the move to lift the ban persuaded the executive committee to drop the matter, thus leaving the prohibition in effect and at the same time avoiding embarrassing discussion. Leib Brandt, one of several Jews who planned to organize a pro-Nationalist group in the Jewish community, stated that he was not proceeding with the organization in order "not to embarrass the government."

Georgia Man New Masada Head

ATLANTIC CITY—Israel Katz of Atlanta, Ga., was elected president this week of Masada, youth arm of the Zionist Organization of America.

He was named to succeed Jacob Snyder of Philadelphia at the 14th annual national convention.

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Beigen's Goodwill Tour Of U.S. Runs Into Storm Of Opposition

From N.J.P. Correspondents

The "goodwill tour" of Irgun commander Menachim Beigen produced a storm of controversy in the United States this week extending as far west as Portland.

The uproar that has marked promotional efforts of the U.S. Bergson fronts for the now-disbanded Irgun exploded in the cities where Beigen was making his stops on his first trip to the United States.

In Washington, three nationally-prominent clergymen issued an appeal to several hundred Americans whose names appeared in a full-page advertisement in the N.Y. Times last week as members of "The Reception Committee for Mr. Menachim Beigen." The appeal charged that the Irgun was a terrorist organization and suggested that many of the members of the reception committee were innocent stooges.

In Portland, CIO president Phillip Murray, one of those listed on the committee, announced his name was being used completely without his authorization.

In Chicago, two Rabbis listed on the committee said they had not realized what they were doing and repudiated use of their names.

Beigen, 35-year-old chief of the Irgun's political arm, the Freedom Movement, arrived at La Guardia Field last week and was greeted by 500 persons.

Police Called Out

In the crush, several persons were knocked to the ground and it took Beigen an hour to get away. Firemen and police were called out to restrain the crowd.

Beigen was greeted by James J. O'Brien, Mayor William O'Dwyer's aide and then was presented to Mrs. Vladimir Jabotinsky, widow of the famous Jewish military leader.

The State Department at Washington said it had issued a visitor's visa to Beigen. A spokesman said no plans had been made for him to be received at the department.

At a press conference in New York, Beigen denounced Great Britain as "still the No. 1 enemy of Israel". He called the Bernadotte plan "the child of British intrigue" and said it should be rejected in its entirety.

Beigen insisted he was in the U.S. to create goodwill not to raise money but there was considerable money-raising, mainly in the form of banquets with substantial prices for plates.

Later he was received officially at New York City Hall. He was taken through New York's gar-

ment center in an open car where he was cheered.

Murray Blasts Him

The first shots at the tour came from the CIO convention in Portland where president Phil Murray repudiated the use of his name on the reception committee.

The statement in Washington was signed by the Rev. Dr. Henry Sloane Coffin, former president of Union Theological Seminary; Father John La Farge, famous Catholic editor; and Rabbi Morris Lazarus, one of the leaders in the anti-Zionist American Council for Judaism.

First for Council

It was the first time that any Council member had joined in the Zionist struggle against Palestine terrorism.

The statement cited a series of acts "of calculated terrorism" of the Irgun and made this appeal to the Americans on the reception committee:

"You owe it to yourself and to your fellow citizens to investigate the true record of Mr. Beigen and his Irgun—and, having investigated to withdraw your support as publicly as it was pledged.

"Do you know that the Irgun, here masquerading under the front of 'democracy' is in fact a totalitarian-minded group, as reactionary as the fanatical Moslem Brotherhood?"

The Chicago reception committee for Beigen made a formal denial to The Post that it had padded its list of sponsors with persons who wanted nothing to do with the affair.

All A Mistake

Three rabbis were listed in publicity releases among the 33 members of the Chicago reception committee. Two of them told

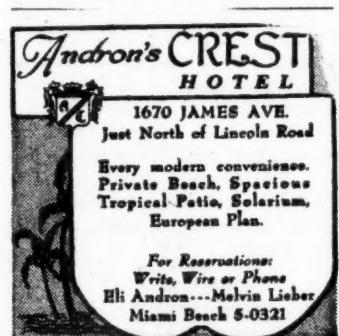
The Post that "it was all a mistake" and asked to be dissociated from the function.

Rabbi David Almond said that he sought without success to have his name removed from the list when he realized that the group was pro-Irgun. "I originally agreed to act as a sponsor of the dinner thinking that it was a genuine group advocating aid to Israel. I was not aware of its terrorist connections."

Rabbi Almond changed his position after receiving a letter from his son, on the faculty of Yale University. His son explained that the sponsoring committee had "bombed me with letters asking for my support. They are now using my name against my expressed refusal."

Cautioning his father against cooperation with the group, the letter added, "these people are a bunch of plain, ordinary thugs who are doing Jewry more harm than Gerald L. K. Smith."

Rabbi Louis Lehrfield also said that he had not realized the na-



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League Disbanding But Members Aren't

Bergsonites In Los Angeles Plan Promotion Drive For Irgun Party

By MAURICE SIMON

National Jewish Post Correspondent

LOS ANGELES—(NJP)—The Los Angeles chapter of the American League for a Free Palestine, chief U.S. Bergson front for the Irgun, told The Post this week that it plans to disband soon.

It was emphasized that this did not mean that members of the League plan to retire from the scene. The spokesman said that they plan to launch a public relations program.

Aim of the new program will be to publicize the activities of the Irgun's political successor, the Freedom Movement, through which Irgun commander Menachim Beigen hopes to ride to power in Israel.

The informant told The Post that this public relations committee will not attempt to delve in political activities for Israel.

The informant said he did not expect Beigen to come as far west as Los Angeles on his goodwill tour but that Peter Bergson, who also plans a tour, will make a stop in Los Angeles.

Ture of the group, that "it is a terrible mistake and I want to withdraw my name."

The third rabbi listed, Jacob J. Nathan said that he was aware of the purpose of the dinner. "I am happy to act as a sponsor because I consider Beigen a great man and I am convinced that he has right to be heard."

Dr. Sheppard Remington, in charge of reservations for the dinner, said that permission to use their names had been received from all persons listed

on the reception committee. He suggested that complaints were due to the "activities of high pressure Zionists, whose tactics are sometimes worse than those of Hitler."

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Knickerbocker, Oliver Twist Cases Cited By Jewish Chronicle

U. S. Jews Approach Problems With Hysteria, Says London Weekly

LONDON—The battle of U. S. Jewish groups to oust Prof. William E. Knickerbocker from his City College of New York faculty post and to prevent showing of the British film "Oliver Twist" was characterized this week by a British-Jewish observer as examples of hysterical emotionalism.

The comments were made by "Americanus," a pen-name for the writer of the regular "New York Letter" in the JEWISH CHRONICLE of London.

The columnist said that several investigations had failed to prove the charges of anti-Semitic bias against Knickerbocker. He said only one, that by a New York City Council committee, had found him guilty.

The columnist discounted the verdict on the grounds that the committee could render no other verdict "without risking political suicide, since its members must periodically stand for election in a city with a large Jewish population."

The affair might have died at that stage, the columnist asserted, if CCNY students "mostly members of Hillel, the national Jewish student body, and of

left-wing political groups," had not intervened.

Their walkout from Knickerbocker's classes, and their sit-downs and mass demonstrations revived the issue, the columnist said, adding that the students had shown a "lynch spirit" in their fight.

"One prominent leader, who had not yet reached his own conclusion on the matter, confided to me that he and his organization would not dare go against the popular sentiment, however innocent Knickerbocker might be," the columnist asserted. He added that such behavior "can be extremely dangerous to rational progress."

"American Jewish life is often a veritable Donnybrook Fair of groups and individuals violently attacking one another because of the dogma that some issues concerning Jews can have only one aspect."

The columnist conceded that conditions were bad at CCNY, commenting that "perhaps the oddest aspect of the Knickerbocker affair is that one of his four (faculty) accusers is himself a notorious anti-Semite."

He said that despite a student body more than 80

per cent Jewish, the faculty has a tiny number of Jews and Jewish graduates are advised by friends to seek scholastic careers elsewhere.

The columnist asserted that the president of CCNY is reported to have said "If we removed Knickerbocker, we would have to let over half the faculty go for the same reason."

"Another recent event charged with more emotion than logic or knowledge was the outburst against the showing of Oliver Twist because of Fagin being a Jew," the columnist declared.

"Without seeing the film, New York's Board of Babbis urged that it be banned in New York. Its withdrawal provoked a number of resentful, veiled anti-Semitic comments in letters to some newspapers."

He concluded that "it seems American Jews are not yet ready to look upon themselves under the white light of truth or to look upon evil characters in literature (and history) who happen to be Jews with the detachment that an Englishman, say, looks upon Richard III, or an Italian at one of the Borgias."

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B'NAI B'RITH YULE CARDS FOR JEWS NOT SUCH A HOT IDEA

By RABBI SAMUEL SILVER

CHRISTMAS is coming and the B'nai B'rith is ready for that joyous season, jibes M. Boraisha in the DAY. The Anti-Defamation League advertises a very attractive holiday card which Jews may send to their Christian friends. The card doesn't mention Christmas but refers to the "holiday season" and contains the words "Peace on earth; good will to men." Besides, there is a passage stressing inter-faith understanding.

Boraisha insist that this sort of thing will not really aid the cause of better understanding, because Christians are primarily interested not in befriending but in absorbing the Jews.

He cites the Amsterdam resolutions of the world Protestant assemblage to prove his contention; the churchmen's declaration acknowledging guilt in failing to



stem anti-Semitism is followed by a statement that only by showing love to the Jews can they ever be brought around to "sharing the best which God has given through Jesus."

If the ADL is really interested in helping Jews extend greetings to their Christian friends they should have prepared cards for New Years Day, a secular holiday, writes Boraisha.

Molly Picon Slugged For Broadway Performance

Molly Picon's role in the Broadway production, "For Heaven's Sake, Mother!" is "cheap, banal, and offensive" barks N. Buchwald in the FREIHEIT. Miss Picon works hard in this play in which she impersonates a Jewish woman who speaks in broken English, but she exploits the "comic Jew" angle for laughs, writes the critic. The play is only a weak imitation of "You Can't Take It With You," and Miss Picon not only embraces the Jew but does not do justice to

her real "stage-grace," complains Buchwald.

First Yeshiva Started In South in Tennessee

The first Yeshiva in the history of the South, has been established in Chattanooga, Tennessee, rejoices the devout JOURNAL. The Chattanooga school was founded through the efforts of the national and local Mizrahi, we are informed.

Was It Friendliness Or That Jewish Cooking?

Only 19 nations have recognized the state of Israel, but when the Israeli staged a reception for UN delegates in Paris recently, representatives of 36 nations attended the party, reports L. S. Beely in the AMERICAN. That took place before the latest U. S. boost for the Jewish republic, so it indicated a growing sympathy for the Jews. Or perhaps it was merely a tribute to Jewish cooking.

Imagine This at a Convention of The ZOA

C. Jaffe, of the DAY, never misses a Mizrahi Woman's convention. The earnestness and the zeal of the Orthodox women Zionists excite his admiration, but most of all he is impressed by the spirit of politeness which prevails. For example, at the recent gathering of the Mizrahi women in Atlantic City, a delegate took issue with one of her colleagues. The former took the floor and faced her opponent. "You are a rebbeztin," she said, quietly, "and I am a rebbeztin. Let us respect one another," and "that ended the disagreement," remarks Jaffe. Jaffe can't recall anything like that ever happening at a men's convention.

It's News When Baruch Talks About Jewishness

When Bernard Baruch is con-

ISRAEL WON'T BE EXPLOITED FOR U. S. INVESTORS, PROMISE

NEW YORK—(NJP)—Backers of the first major organization set up to permit Americans to invest in Israel promised this week that the new republic's potentialities will not be exploited for American stockholders.

Albert Schiff, Columbus, O., industrialist and president of the Israel corporation of America, said its offering of \$6,250,000 of preferred and common shares would be sold soon.

Jacob M. Aikow, secretary, said the objectives of the corporation were "maximum returns to Israel in the form of peace and prosperity, as well as reasonable return to stockholders." The corporation was set up with the aid of the Zionist Organization of America.

FRAU KOCH PROSECUTOR SAYS SENTENCE CUT WAS ILLEGAL

WASHINGTON—(WNS)—Ilse Koch has voluntarily, wholeheartedly and extensively participated in war crimes, and therefore, no legal justification for commuting her life sentence to a four year term, it was declared here by William Dowdell Denson, who prosecuted the depraved German woman.

Denson said that Ilse Koch was fronted by a "nudik," he shuns prosecution on a charge that she off his hearing aid and lets his molester talk on and on, merely replying, "I'm deaf." But he turned the batteries on full force not so long ago when Virginia Lee, cafe society's debutante of the year who aspires to journalism, asked him for an interview. When the beauteous reporter asked Baruch why he had become a boxer in his youth, Baruch told her he had taken up fist-cuffs when he attended college in order to defend himself against Jew-baiters.

He alleged that under the pre-

vention of the Allied Control Council's Law number 10, any person participating with others in such crimes was chargeable with the conduct of the others and that persons convicted of such crimes were subject to the death penalty, irrespective of the magnitude of the crime.

He stated that in the Koch case, it was not necessary to show that she had beaten anyone, or that she made lampshades of human skins beyond establishing that she participated in the common design of Buchenwald.

Denson's charges were believed unlikely to affect the certainty that Frau Koch will go free next year. Any possibility that she might be tried by a German court had been ruled out earlier by Dr. Josef Mueller, minister of justice and deputy prime minister of Bavaria.

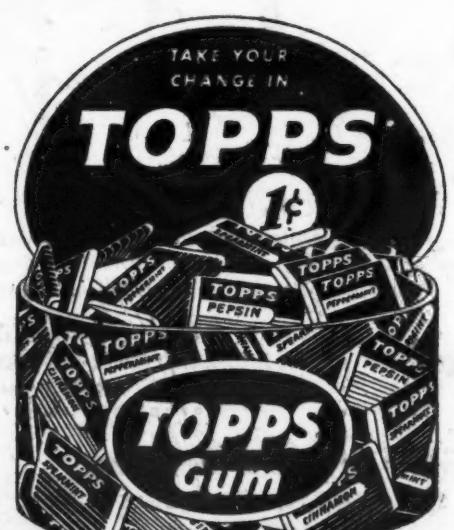
Mueller ruled that she could not be tried in German courts because the evidence against her was "slight."

Reform Bid Planned In Philadelphia

PHILADELPHIA—(NJP)—A plan to start new reform congregations in the Philadelphia area got underway this week with establishment of a regional office of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations here.

Rabbi Jay Kaufman, who occupies the pulpit of the Old York Road Jewish Community Center, will be in charge of the local office in addition to his rabbinical duties.

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Poles, Germans, Czechs Seek To Convert To Judaism, Go To Israel; Rabbis Turn Most Of Them Down

NEW YORK—The World Wide News Service reported this week that DPs of many nationalities in Germany and a group of Czech soldiers are seeking to convert to Judaism so that they may go and live in Israel.

Several hundred homeless Poles, Ukrainians, Yugoslavs and Sudentenland Germans have sought to become converted, WNS reported from Munich. Only three were admitted into the faith, it was disclosed by spokesmen for the Jewish Central Committee and the Rabbinical Council at Munich, according to WNS.

Most of the would-be converts said they were anxious to settle in Israel and to live there as Jews. A great many of them said they were children of converts to Christianity or of mixed marriages.

The WNS said that the rabbis turned down

all applicants with the exception of three German girls who became wedded to Jews in camps.

From Prague, the news service reported that within the past two months, 60 Czech fliers, officers and soldiers applied to the Prague rabbinate to convert them to Judaism.

The 60 Czechs also filed applications for visas with the Israeli office in Prague, declaring they wanted to join the Israeli army. The rabbi rejected most of the applications, granting the conversion pleas of only six officers and 12 soldiers married to Jewish women.

The Czech Government refused to grant exit visas to the 18 on the ground that only Jews were permitted to leave Czechoslovakia, WNS reported.

But This Year A Long-Range Plan Coming

Camden Jewry Split Again Over Public School Yule Programs

By VERA COZEN

National Jewish Post Correspondent

CAMDEN, N. J.—(NJP)—A long-range program of Jewish education for children to deal with the problem of religious influence in public schools may develop from a community-wide dispute over a combined Chanukah and Christmas program proposed this year in one of the schools.

Announcement of the proposed program touched off the annual Camden debate over participation of Jewish children in Christmas celebrations in public schools.

Rabbi Harry B. Kellman of Congregation Beth-El promptly ordered children in his synagogue's Hebrew and Sunday school classes to stay out of such festivities.

His directive caused widespread confusion in the Jewish community. Many parents called him to protest the action on grounds they should have been consulted. Some felt that the ban would create problems in relations with the non-Jewish community.

Rabbinate Split

A few days after Rabbi Kellman's announcement, the entire Camden rabbinate met and with the exception of one Rabbi, they supported Rabbi Kellman's position for all Jewish children.

The exception was Rabbi Max Weine, spiritual leader of Congregation Beth Israel, who said he agreed with the other rabbis but objected to the approach. He said a blanket ban might create a much bigger problem in community relations.

He argued that a happy, well-adjusted child getting a Hebrew education and whose home life helps implement his synagogue training is well equipped to shed the influence of such Yule celebrations in public schools.

Many parents reportedly agreed with Rabbi Weine and indicated they were disturbed by Rabbi Kellman's stand and the support of the other rabbis. A cursory investigation which disclosed that the Chanukah-Christmas plays were not religious but accented goodwill and brotherhood increased parental annoyance.

Mrs. Eleanor Zaris, program chairman of the Parent-Teachers Association of the Cramer school, which has about 25 per cent Jewish attendance, told The Post that "It is interesting to note that it was a Gentile teacher who suggested that a combined Chanukah and Christmas program be instituted in the school this year and that it not be known as a Christmas

Toledo Jewish Times Suspends Publication

TOLEDO, O.—The 12-year-old Toledo Jewish TIMES, Toledo's only Anglo-Jewish weekly, suspended publication this week "until such time as it is possible for the paper to increase its revenue."

Nat B. Charnas, publisher, said editorially in the final issue that the income of the paper had not kept pace with constantly rising costs.

program but as a Holiday program."

She said that a chorus is being trained to sing Jewish festival songs.

The Parkside school, which has the largest percentage of Jewish attendance in Camden public school system, was the first to announce the intercultural program but it has since been learned that those plans were dropped after Rabbi Kellman's statement.

Rabbi Weine said he interviewed Jewish children at the Cramer school and that he found they had a clear understanding of the problem and that their Jewish education and homelife provided adequate protection.

Seek Intelligent Approach

The Jewish Federation of Camden called a meeting of the rabbis in an effort to reach a definite policy. A temporary committee for the Jewish Community Relations Council met with the rabbis and with Lee Pfeffer, adviser on religious education in the public schools from the National Jewish Community Relations Council of New York.

The outcome of the meeting, it was reliably learned, will be the starting of a long range program of education to deal with the problem.

What the News Means The National Jewish Post

FOA Postpones Seat For Israel

WASHINGTON—(JTA)—On recommendation from its General Committee, the fourth annual conference of the United Nations Food and Agriculture Organization at its plenary session here put off until its next session the application of Israel for membership in the organization.

The next session of the FAO quite possibly may not be held until January of 1950 unless a special session is held earlier to decide on a site for the organization. The Israeli application, which was referred to the FAO Council "for further study and consideration presumably might be brought up then," an FAO spokesman said.

In making its report to the conference, the General Committee referred to the application as "submitted by the Jewish authorities under the name 'Israel.'" Dr. Ludwig Samuels, who was last week admitted as an official Israeli observer, told the conference that he could not accept the language used by the General Committee in referring to Israel.

Two Reform Temples Merged In L. A.

LOS ANGELES—Services will be held this Friday at Hyde Park Community Church to commemorate the merger of Temple Beth Or and Temple Kodesh into the only reform temple in South Los Angeles affiliated with the Union of American Hebrew Congregations.

Rabbi Martin M. Weitz, who was named spiritual leader of Temple Beth Or six months ago, will be rabbi of the new combined congregation of some 200.

Rabbi Nathan Drazin Edits Famed Genealogy

BALTIMORE, Md.—Isaac Levinson's Genealogy, edited and annotated by Dr. Nathan Drazin of Shaarei Tfiloh Congregation, was published this week.

The 40 page book traces Isaac Levinson's forbears back to King David. The manuscript was prepared in Hebrew and translated into English in 1923. Dr. Drazin edited the document and added short biographical sketches for each of names in the document.

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I Think As I Please

TIPS FOR PARENTS WORRYING ABOUT THE YULE PROBLEM

By CARL ALPERT

SANTA Claus has already made his smiling approach in newspaper advertisements, and his cheery voice is already heard on children's radio programs. Christmas is at hand, and the Jewish parents are confronted with the perpetual problem of the Diaspora: how to maintain a religion and a civilization and a way of life in the midst of an alien culture which surrounds and overwhelms and extinguishes all that is strange or different. Here is the problem of involuntary assimilation posed in the most elementary of terms—the simple questions of a Jewish child surrounded by and constantly subjected to non-Jewish theological influences.

And so, as my little son, just beginning to reach the age of understanding, gapes in wide-eyed wonder at the fat and jolly figure of Kris Kringle, I take him on my knee and tell him, as once before I told his sister, about Christmas and Jewish children.

YES, JOEL, CHRISTMAS is a pleasant holiday for our neighbors. It is good to have holidays, so that people can be happy and thankful and gay. If not for holidays, every day would be just like every other day—and life would get so monotonous. That's why we have Shabbat, too, so that each week we have one special day set apart from the rest.

You know some of the other holidays, don't you? There is Pesach—and Purim—and of course, Chanukah, which lasts for eight days. Do you think the Christian children are jealous of us because Chanukah lasts for eight days, and their Christmas lasts for one day only? God doesn't like people to be jealous, and that's why He has given them this holiday all of their own.

My, but we'll have fun on Chanukah! Imagine it! Presents on every single night! I hope you'll keep your toys neatly in your toy box. And if Wendy invites you to see her Christmas tree, we'll invite her to see our Menorah when it's all lit. We can keep the Menorah in the window, too, so that all the neighbors can see it, but we'll have to be careful of the curtains.

Santa Claus? Oh, yes, there are lots of them. Nice old men dress up in costume—the way your sister Yammy dressed up like Queen Esther last Purim, remember? Nobody knows if there is a real Santa Claus or not. Maybe only the little children think so. Maybe he's like our Eliyahu, Elijah the Prophet. Elijah comes every Pesach to visit only Jewish children. If you stay awake at the Seder maybe you'll see him this year.

YES, CHRISTMAS TREES are very pretty, aren't they? It's a shame to cut down the poor little trees before they can grow up. And then they die and have to be thrown away. I always feel sad after Christmas when I see the dead trees. That's why I like our Menorah. You use it every year, and when it's polished it shines so beautifully! Perhaps you can help Yammy polish it this year.

In Israel everybody celebrates Chanukah; that's because all the people are Jewish. And they even have great big electric Menorahs on top of the synagogues and other buildings. They can celebrate Chanukah in the same place that Judah Maccabee lived, when he defeated the armies that had invaded the country.

Joel, don't you think that Chanukah means something special this year, when our own Maccabees have again defeated invading armies, and gained their freedom?

AND JOEL, I HAVE A SURPRISE for you. Look, new phonograph records. These are special Jewish holiday songs—maybe some Chanukah songs, too. They're lovely. Mother and I used to sing the same songs when we were children.

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Science Examines the Jew

WHO IS TO BLAME FOR OUTLOOK OF YALE JEWISH STUDENTS?

By BEN GALLO

THE most notable difference between the immigrant Jew and his second and third generation descendant in respect to adjusting their Jewishness to the impact of the non-Jewish majority was this:

The immigrant gave up his distinctive ways groaningly and with reluctance. If he was a Zionist, it was with a prayer that either he or his children would someday go to Palestine and there live fully as Jews.

But his children and their children—at least till the advent of Hitler—shed their Jewish associations with haste and even repulsion. In many of them the impact of the Hitler storm made them realize—some with a sullen reluctance—that such shedding had a limit, if the goal was to melt into the majority.

It is from this background that emerges the picture of the Yale Jewish student analyzed by Meyer Greenberg in his report on "The Jewish Student at Yale: His Attitude toward Judaism (in the YIVO Annual of Jewish Social Science, Vol. 1, 1946).

Those concerned with the survival of U.S. Jews as Jews and with their living as psychologically healthy individuals may well ponder the Greenberg findings. Certain conclusions are inescapable.

1. They are not religious in either belief or observance. In some respects they are anti-religious.

2. They know little about the Jewish heritage and have little pride in their Jewish descent.

3. They are, at least potentially, Jewish nationalists, the majority being supporters of a Jewish State.

4. More than half have no will to survive as Jews.

5. The chances are excellent that this select group of Jewish youth will play little part in the

Jewish communities where they will live. Many of them, if they can manage it, will leave the Jewish community.

Consider These Facts

Such facts are particularly striking when it is realized that these youth are the favored children of our society. They come from homes of well above average income. They have had exceptional advantages. The study shows that they had considerably more Jewish education as children than did most of their contemporaries.

The problem is not dealt with by saying that if this select group emerged from childhood into young adulthood in a mood to flee their Jewish ancestry that this is nobodies business but their own. The claims of the Jewish community on them are perhaps theoretical. But how about their own mental health? And what of their children in a world in which the role of Jews—thanks to the impact of the first Jewish state in 20 centuries—is certain to be an important one?

Moreover, a large number of them—some willingly, some not will perform live with Jews in Jewish communities. Their capabilities will single them out for calls for service to Jewry. They must face the problems of rearing their children as Jews. Here is another case of a growing generation destined to fill the ranks of Jewish leadership and likely to do no better than the present leadership.

Inevitably, the question arises of who is to blame. The parents cannot be blamed too much. They gave these children a better Jewish education than most Jewish parents did. The Jewish educational forces can hardly be blamed. They have done and are doing miracles with limited funds and half-hearted support.

Radio Roundup

The Post will present here weekly a summary of nationally-broadcast radio programs of interest to Jewish listeners. No responsibility is assumed by The Post for last minute changes by radio networks.

SUNDAY, DEC. 5—Rabbi Roland B. Gittelsohn, guest speaker in the first of four sermons, "What Does It Cost to be Prejudiced?" on "Message of Israel" program, 10 a.m. EST, ABC network.

SUNDAY, DEC. 5—"The Sneeze of Schloomey," by Allen Marcus on "The Eternal Light" program 12:30 p.m. EST, NBC network.

Brooklynite Heads Mizrachi Young Women

NEW YORK—(NJP)—A minimum of ten American girls will spend a year of service in junior Mizrachi Women's projects in Israel under a resolution adopted this week at closing sessions of the young religious Zionist ninth annual convention.

To prepare the young women, the convention also adopted a program for a scholarship program in the U. S. to provide instruction in Hebrew and in childcare work.

Gwendolyn Goldstein of Brooklyn was installed as national president. Five vice presidents were named. They are Rivkah Margolies of Brooklyn, Emma Rabinowitz of New York, Geraldine Latts of Duluth, Minn. Ida Danzig of Chicago and Edith Brusowank of Baltimore.

The delegates, representing 10,000 young women in 87 chapters in 28 states, voted creation of a new immigrant-adjustment center in Tel Aviv and a record budget of \$95,000 for next year.

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Which Jewish Leaders?

Is it U.S. Jewish leadership? The most vigorous and powerful Jewish organizations have incontestably been the Zionists. Critize them as you will, they rightly regarded their main task as that of mobilizing U.S. Jews behind the political struggle to assist in bringing the Jewish State into being. The second most effective groups have been the fraternal organizations who also were caught in the ripples of failure to find a constructive philosophy.

Yet, when the efforts to find causes are finished, the fact still remains of one of the finest samples of U.S. Jewish youth preparing to step into adult careers totally unprepared to deal with one of the most vital phases of their lives as adults.

From Welfare to Political Zionism

JR. HADASSAH HEARS APPEALS FOR MORE PIONEERS FROM U. S.

WASHINGTON—The evolution of Junior Hadassah from welfare Zionism to political Zionism was marked this week by several appeals to the 25th annual convention for direct participation of its members in the work of building the Jewish State.

In a resolution as militant as any ever adopted by the Senior Zionist organizations, the 1,000 delegates to the three-day conclave urged the United States "not to follow the British line in the United Nations of insistence on the Bernadotte plan."

The delegates, representing 300 units in 40 states, re-elected Miss

Brooklyn, as president for the third year. For Junior Hadassah work in aiding youth and immigration in Israel, the convention adopted budgets totaling \$201,300.

Ralene Levy,

MISS FUNK jo funk Zeleira national convention co-chairman (with Pearl Greenberg) read a

message from Moshe Shertok, Israeli Foreign Minister, calling on

Junior Hadassah to act "as the rallying point for young American womenhood in redoubling efforts for an effective response to the great historic challenge of our generation."

Rabbi Silver Also Asks

A more direct appeal for pioneers (chalutzim) was made by Dr. Abba Hillel Silver, chairman of the American section of the Jewish Agency. He told the delegates by telegram that he hoped that "an ever-increasing number of chalutzim (young pioneers) will bring the best in American tradition and training to Israel."

Prof. Eliezer Rieger of the Hebrew University told a dinner meeting that Palestine could not be settled only "with

the remnants of the concentration camps and with Oriental Jews."

He called for the settling of American Jews because on such settlement "depends the qualitative absorptive capacity of Palestine." He said that the welfare of Israel needed "the most that Jewry can provide and that is available in American Jewry."

Epstein Makes Appeal

Elijah Epstein, special representative of Israel to the U. S. told the convention that Israel needs the skills and knowledge of young American Jews to "join in our efforts to make Israel a modern and progressive state in the Middle East."

Meeting on the first anniversary of the United Nations partition decision, the delegates were asked to re-dedicate themselves to the achievement of justice for Israel.

Other officers elected with Miss Funk were:

Re-elected as vice presidents:

Miss Levy, Staten Island, N. Y.; Sarah Neiman, Brooklyn; Irma Lee Wolf, Los Angeles; newly-elected vice presidents: Pearl Greenberg of Brooklyn; Rhea Owrtsky, Philadelphia; as treasurer, Edna Turk of Brooklyn; as secretary, Doris Greenberg of Kansas City, Mo.

Miss Funk announced that in the fiscal year of July, 1947 to June 30, 1948, Junior Hadassah raised \$183,000 for their work in American and Israel, a record sum.



Brandeis: Cute Coeds Department

Practically anything that happens at Brandeis University, the nation's first Jewish sponsored, non-sectarian university will go down in history, because it's usually being done for the first time. These pert coeds are the first students to borrow books from the Brandeis library. All from New York state, they are, left to right, Jean Maynard, Carol Shaffer and Marilyn Greenspoon.

Yeshivot Dinner

NEW YORK—(NJP)—The United Lubavitcher Yeshivot, ultra-orthodox society for all-day schools, will hold its annual dinner here Jan. 30.

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Women's Viewpoint**JEWISH HISTORICAL NOVELS
ARE EASY WAY TO KNOWLEDGE**

By HELEN COHEN

I'm going to use Jewish Book Month to sound off on an idea of mine. There's been a lot of complaining that we don't know enough about our history and background. Yet one source that is as interesting as it is informative is either being overlooked or deliberately snubbed.

I speak of the historical and Biblical novels of which a steady stream has been forthcoming these past two decades. To date, the Bible and biblical times have been pretty thoroughly glamorized, and while some of the results may be inaccurate, mediocre trash, the first rate products are worthy of our careful attention.

Not only do they bring our ancient heroes to life for us but we get, in its most appetizing form, information on the customs of other times, descriptions of the land and people, plus the author's own shrewd analysis of character and events.

One of these historical novels, or rather a trilogy, which is worth noting, is the story of Josephus, the Jewish historian of the first century, C. E. by Lion Feuchtwanger. Although his three books (Josephus, The Jew of Rome and Josephus and the Emperor) were published in the thirties, it seems to me that they are much more significant today, during the rebirth of Israel. They deal with the destruction of the Temple, the last time Jews fought together as a nation.

I challenge anyone to read Feuchtwanger's account and not be made conscious of a new awareness of the real import of the Temple's destruction, plus a deep sense of personal loss.

Feuchtwanger's portrayal of Josephus and his age is masterly and powerful and will persuade you, more than all the prodding and sermonizing in the world, to learn more about our Jewish heritage.

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TIT for tat. Or, a slap for both sexes.

1. Heard on the radio: Man is that peculiar creature who looks for homey atmosphere in a hotel and expects hotel service at home.

2. Says Senator Soaper: The only deduction that can be drawn when a woman driver holds out her hand, is that the window is open.

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YOU may feel it necessary to submit to the inevitable schedule of growing old. I've decided to ignore the entire procedure.

I attended a gym class of women at the local center this week and if I didn't look 16, you would have been hard put to prove it from the way I comported myself around that volleyball court.

Aside to my doctor: All right, so I complained about some sore muscles the next day. It was still worth it.

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YOUD think we mothers had enough responsibility instilling good health habits in our children so that when they reached maturity, they could take care of their own physical well-being. But no, we've been given new instruction which are discouraging, to say the least.

An article on "How to Take Care of Your Husband" in THIS WEEK magazine warns wives that it is their duty to:

1. make him go to sleep early (lost sleep can't be made up).
2. be tactful but don't let him overeat.
3. see that he exercises regularly but moderately (no 36 holes of golf in one burst at infrequent intervals).
4. drag him to the doctor for regular check-ups twice a year.

I'm glad my husband is a mature adult who is supposed to have sense enough to regulate his health habits. And if he doesn't, I'm sure my demands won't budge him. At any rate, I'm already well occupied trying to teach his children to brush their teeth and to consume the required amount of vitamins.

**Goldwyn Honored
For UJA Leadership**

LOS ANGELES—Samuel Goldwyn, noted motion picture producer, was named "Humanitarian of the Year" this week by the United Jewish Appeal.

He was honored for his efforts as president of the United Jewish Welfare Fund of Los Angeles, which raised \$10,000,000 in its 1948 drive.

Cantor a Regent

LOS ANGELES—Eddie Cantor has been elected to the board of overseers of the University of Judaism, Dore Schary, chairman of the board, announced last week.



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● Mrs. M. H. of Racine, Wis. writes:

What does the name Halbreich mean? We know that Halb is half and reich is rich—halfrich. But is there any other meaning that we do not see?

Halbreich has no connection with "halfrich." The surname was originally Albrecht and was at first assumed in Germany. After the family emigrated east an "h" was added because a great many Eastern Jews were unable to pronounce a word beginning with a vowel. Then "reicht" was changed to "reich" because thus the name made better sense in Yiddish.

● Mr. Norman Engler of Brooklyn writes:

Would it be possible for you to give me the meaning of my family name, Engler? My grandfather came to the United States from Germany.

**What Foods These Morsels Be**

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LAST WEEK we explainen the general directions for boiling fish. This time we add a description of fish stocks and sauces, with one specific example.

FISH STOCKS AND FISH SAUCES

A fish stock is the liquid which is left after fish has been boiled with spices and vegetables. It may be either white or brown, depending on the ingredients which have been used in preparing it. Brown fish stock is also sometimes known as Court Bouillon. Fish stock may be used in making a chowder; or a sauce may be prepared from it. Careful preparation both of the stock and of the sauce are most important, because either can make or mar a dish of boiled fish.

The spices and vegetables used in making a fish stock are largely a matter of individual taste, and may be varied practically at the housewife's discretion.

The simplest way of making a fish sauce is to strain the stock and thicken it with flour, or with a paste made of flour and water; for each cup of strained stock, add 1 tablespoon flour blended with 1 tablespoon cold water, and let the mixture cook until smooth and thickened. Or the stock may be thickened with egg yolks, 2 egg yolks being used for each cup of strained stock. Pour the hot (but not boiling) stock over the beaten yolks, and let the mixture cook until smooth and thickened, stirring constantly. An egg sauce should not be allowed to boil, but should be cooked below the boiling point. A tablespoon of cold water beaten with the yolks will help to prevent curdling. Boiled fish may also be served with rich sauces like Bechamel, Drawn Butter and Hollandaise.

FISH IN COURT BOUILLON

This recipe may be used for boiling any fish but salmon. Omit the vinegar if boiling salmon.

3 pounds fish	1/4 cup each chopped celery, carrots, onion
3 pints water	4 peppercorns
2 teaspoons salt	2 cloves
2 tablespoons vinegar	1 bay leaf
2 tablespoons butter	1/4 cup chopped turnip, if desired

Heat the butter in a pot, add the vegetables and let cook 1 minute. Add the rest of the ingredients except the fish, cover pot, bring to boiling point and let boil 15 minutes until water is well flavored. Let cool slightly. Wrap fish in cheesecloth or tie in a cloth bag, place in water, and let simmer just below boiling point 30 to 35 minutes until fish is done. Remove fish, and serve on a hot platter. Strain the stock, and serve it as a soup or make a sauce of it.

Jewish Book Month

NEW YORK—(JTA)—Jewish Book Month, sponsored by the National Jewish Welfare Board, through its Jewish Book Council officially opened this week and will continue through December 26. The celebration—which will be marked both in this country and abroad—will be noted by Jewish community centers, synagogues, schools and Jewish fraternal and cultural organizations.

**Weizmann's Story
Out January 18**

NEW YORK—"Trial and Error," the autobiography of Chaim Weizmann, first president of Israel, will be published Jan. 18 by Harper's, it was announced this week.

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(All holidays begin on the preceding evening at sundown).

Friday, Dec. 3, 1948

The Editor's Chair

ABOUT THREE WEEKS ago, I attended Friday evening services at my own congregation, Conservative Beth El in Indianapolis. It was the opening Friday evening services and one of the few nights that I was in town and I was happy to be able to attend.

Rabbi William P. Greenfeld was preaching his customary sermon when he predicted that in 25 years the U. S. Jewish community would be half its size and the remaining half would be truly Jewish. I thought it was news and we ran a brief item on it, plus an editorial disagreeing with it.

The Jewish Telegraphic Agency picked up the news item—incidentally not giving The Post credit for it—and quite a few Anglo-Jewish papers printed it. I wouldn't be wasting this space to tell you about this if I only wanted to tell the JTA that if they want to use material from The Post they ought to have the courtesy to give us credit. But look what finally happened:

Nathan Zirpin, editor of the Seven Arts Feature Service in his "Off the Record" column, writes about a "certain Indianapolis rabbi," without mentioning him by name, and says this:

"When a rabbi speaks of Jewish survival and continuity he does what is expected of him but when he becomes a prophet of doom and perdition he has his eyes on the newspaper headlines."

Now, Rabbi Greenfeld had no idea I would be at services. I did not ask him whether I could print what he said and Mr. Zirpin is of course all wrong. He doesn't know Rabbi Greenfeld. Rabbi Greenfeld says what he thinks and he is perfectly willing to be quoted. He is being charged falsely in this case. He doesn't need me to defend him but since I "covered" the sermon, I want to set the record straight.

HERE IN my home community a controversy is going on over the projected opening of Kirshbaum Center on Saturday afternoons for oneg shabbat type of affairs. It would seem that this extension of Sabbath activities would be welcomed with open arms by all parts of the community. But alas, such is not the case. The rabbis to a man are opposed. They reason that if the center is opened even if for oneg shabbats, the next step will be to open it for a health club, and so on. Their opposition is also based on the fact that the rabbis were not consulted officially before the decision in the matter was taken.

Now the Federation has opened the case up again. I hold with the rabbis that their views should have been secured before action was taken. This is a religious matter, and in that field their views certainly are important.

My own feeling is that the more oneg shabbats the better; also I have faith enough in the community, and the leaders to feel that they are not looking for

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an entering wedge. If the community ten years from now decided to keep Kirshbaum Center open all day, and hold dances on Friday night, I don't know what anyone could do about it.

I spoke to the Men's Club of Rabbi Stuart Rosenberg's Beth El Congregation in Rochester last week on "The structure of the American Jewish Community." I was surprised by the questions and the interest shown. It is a good omen for the future. Rabbi Rosenberg is another of the rabbis who have successfully built up a thriving "Young Married" club. Rabbi Rosenthal has a group affiliated with the congregation for every age level, from teen age on up.

One of the few polls which accurately predicted Truman's election was that held at the Miami Beach Hebrew Academy. When Rabbi Leon Kronish asked his six year old son, Jordan, why he cast his vote for Truman, he got the answer "You can't vote against the president, can you?"

This Miami Beach Hebrew Academy, is something of a miracle in Jewish life. Here in the playground of the world, where emphasis is on everything against which Judaism frowns has grown up in a few short years an all-day Jewish school of the highest calibre and using the most progressive methods. It stands as a testimony to the faith and work of one man—Dr. David Andron. Right now Dr. Andron runs at least two large hotels of which I know, but he's an ordained rabbi. The school was organized about four years ago and already has an enrollment of about 125, and an annual budget of near \$80,000.

Rabbi Kronish is a reform (liberal) rabbi, and he plans keeping his kid in the Hebrew Academy only for about three years. Maybe that's the way it'll work out; we shall see.

SEVERAL WEEKS ago, Haskell Cohen, who writes the sports column for the Jewish Telegraphic Agency, which we print, credited Ralph Goldston, of Indiana University, with being Jewish. Unfortunately, Mr. Goldston (not Goldstein) is not Jewish. He's a Negro. Another football star claimed for us, is Art Weiner, University of North Carolina (my alma mater) end. Art isn't Jewish either. We're not criticising anyone, because we make errors of the same kind. In fact you'll remember the controversy over whether Ingrid Bergman is Jewish. Maybe she is and maybe she isn't. No one seems to know or to be able to find out.

210 Jewish Orphans Accepted By Canada

MONTREAL — (JTA) — The Canadian Government has granted the Canadian Jewish Congress permission to bring an additional 210 Jewish war orphans from Europe, it was learned here. This is an extension of an order-in-council for the admission of 1000 war orphans issued last May.

That order-in-council, was in itself, an extension of a 1942 order which envisaged the immigration of 500 Jewish war orphans from France to Canada. The movement of war orphans to Canada which began a year ago has proceeded so satisfactorily under the supervision of the Canadian Jewish Congress and with the assistance of all under the community institutions in Canada that the Congress was encouraged to ask for an extension.

Fund-Raising Agreement Should Be Reached Speedily

THE Post's story last week that the breach in the United Palestine Appeal had been healed was accurate. At the time The Post went to press Tuesday (a day early because of Thanksgiving) an agreement had been reached. It had not yet been initialed by the two parties to it.

Before the agreement could be put on paper and signed, the Yiddish press came out with a story—which the opposition Committee of Contributors charged was inspired by the Zionist Organization of America—claiming that the UPA had scored a complete victory over the COC.

As a result of this premature and inaccurate announcement, the COC has not—up to this writing—called off its national meeting in Atlantic City for Dec. 11 and 12 and no new conferences between the UPA and the COC have been set.

When The Post tried to verify the report last Tuesday, it was told by Herman Weisman, acting national chairman of the UPA, that news of the agreement could not be then released because both parties had agreed that the announcement would be made by the Council of

Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds.

Now, it is true that the COC may feel that it had been tricked by whoever was guilty of the news leak to the Yiddish papers. Nevertheless, it is hard to believe that for this reason and for this reason alone, men like Harold Goldenberg, Abraham Feinberg and Sam Rothberg are willing to plunge the U. S. Jewish community into a fratricidal war between Zionists with the State of Israel bound to suffer.

The Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds intends to continue with negotiations. These negotiations should be consummated speedily.

As long as vital principles were involved, the U. S. Jewish community was willing to hear both sides in the controversy and perhaps felt, as did The Post, that changes were warranted; but now that the differences have been settled and a compromise agreement reached, what the American Jewish community wants to hear is that the fight is over.

There is a job to do; a difficult job, and all efforts will have to be combined if anywhere near the sums needed for Israel in 1949 are to be raised.

It is late, very late. Let's get down to the work at hand.

Friday Night And New Year's Eve

RABBI Oscar Fleishaker's note in his "Rabbi's Corner" in "The Centerite" of the Tri-City Jewish Center (Rock Island, Ill.) is the first notice of the coming conflict between Friday evening and New Year's Eve.

The conflict will not only be a personal one on the part of many an individual, although most will slough it off one way or another, but will present our lodges and our fraternities with real problems.

Of course there is no need for a second thought on what is the proper thing to do. There should be no New Year's eve celebration by any Jewish organization; and what's more by any Jew.

In the case of the organization The Post

recommends a friendly warning by the national offices of all organizations pointing out the sacredness of the Sabbath (superseding even Yom Kippur) and the lack of dignity that a violation of this particular Sabbath would indicate. Now as a mark of self respect, these Jewish organizations can arrange their parties and celebrations for Saturday night; nothing will have been lost, but a great deal, a great deal will have been gained in the fight for Jewish self respect.

Rabbi Fleishaker says: "A night club or dance hall is certainly not the place to spend the Shabbos, even if it is New Year's eve. Think about it and remember that we were Jews long before there was ever a New Year's eve."

Current Comment

DR. MAGNES didn't always act wisely but he made a tremendous impact on American Jewish life and leadership and his utter devotion to his people lives in his work, says B. G. Richards in the CONGRESS WEEKLY—A Reform rabbi who was a Zionist and American-born young man who excelled in Hebrew and cultivated Yiddish and its literature, a Californian who sought to fathom all the intricacies of old world Jewish customs and modes of life—that was a phenomenon. . . . Here was a man with a message, extending a warm hand of fellowship and promising to give eloquent voice to the submerged and to the inarticulate. . . . Thus began a career that was colorful as it was contradictory, as daring as it was paradoxical, as quixotic and impetuous as it was destined to be beset by disillusionment—yet an arresting figure who nailed his name to history. . . .

It was a daring venture to organize the Jewish self-defense association which was formed with the aid of the leading Zionists and the Poale Zion workers of the time (of the Russian pogroms of 1906-07) and of which Dr. Magnes became chairman. It was no easy simple matter to collect funds wherewith to send arms to the defense groups of Jews, who were threatened with renewed attacks. Confronted with political complications at home and abroad, the undertaking involved enough risks to stir up a heated controversy and to rouse formidable opposition. Nevertheless, over \$30,000 was collected and arms purchased and forwarded. . . . The unpopular appeal. . . . stiffened the backbone of American Jews and taught them to use desperate remedies in desperate situations involving the honor as much as the safety of our people.

The golden voice which the new Jewish champion from the West gave to the East, to the inarticulate Jewish masses, to the feeble and the struggling, was soon coveted by the rich and powerful, the philanthropists, the "Grand Dukes" of Jewry (and) brought to the young rabbi a call from Congregation Emanu-El, a pulpit to which the outstanding ministers of Jewish faith have aspired. . . .

He excoriated a notorious intermarriage and this led to the resignation from the Temple of a leading member of the Board of Trustees. The sermons and speeches were brave almost to the point of recklessness, and an eager public within and without the congregation, drawn to the novel and the unusual in utterances, listened and read with rapt attention. . . .

Magnes' resignation, underscoring indifference to personal success, was as spectacular as the rest of his picturesque career. . . .

By an early arrangement, the Kehillah of New York—like the Kehillah of Philadelphia—became the local branch of the American Jewish Committee, and that "entangling alliance" between the self-constituted body and a democratically-chosen assembly of delegates was incongruous from the beginning and very hard to overcome, notwithstanding the strong support and prestige which the men from the Committee had lent to the popular movement. Affiliation with the American Jewish Committee made the position of the Kehillah particularly awkward when it encountered the popular agitation in 1914 and 1915 for the establishment of the American Jewish Congress to deal with the approaching crisis abroad. The Kehillah properly belongs to the side of the Congressists in its battle with the Committee, but its hands were tied and all it could do was to take some part in the discussions of the time. Then there was the unfortunate speech of Dr. Magnes which he made at the B'nai B'rith conference dealing with the Congress issue which led to the withdrawal from Jewish public life of Justice Louis D. Brandeis, who had come to the gathering to present the case for the Congress. . . .

(Then, Dr. Magnes went to Palestine and became head of the Hebrew University and began to fight for a bi-national state.)

Jewry here and abroad often stood aghast at the University Chancellor's or President's daring and defiance, implying the possession of rights not vouchsafed to any other Jews in the world. . . .

Eventually the long-suffering Dr. Chaim Weizmann decided to put Magnes' proposal to the test and said he would be ready to sit down and talk with the Arab spokesman. There were no Arab leaders whom Dr. Magnes could produce.

Whatever one may think of Dr. Magnes' record in Palestine, it was part of the notable career of a striking personality, full of contrasts and contradictions, at once stormy petrel and dove of peace; but imbued also with intense human qualities of zeal, ardor, enthusiasm, and in the last analysis, deepest devotion to the people of Israel in a manner and form of belief that was bound up with his complex personality.

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AGUDATH ISRAEL CHALLENGES M. Z. FRANK'S REPORT ON ITS ROLE

Editor, National Jewish Post:

In the October 29th issue of *reel today*, are a living challenge to Mr. Frank's unscrupulous statement.

Agudath Israel, however, realizes that Industry and Commerce are as important to the rebuilding of Eretz Yisroel as agricultural kibbutzim. The fact is that 80% of the Yishuv is not agricultural and that in this strata of Israeli citizens Agudath Israel chaverim are active in every town and village. The Agudath Israel Laborers, PAGI, established Industrial cooperatives and housing projects in Jerusalem which today are the pride of the Holy City.

Neither is it true that Agudath Israel was in "opposition to a state." No surer proof is needed than the fact that Rabbi Itzhak Mayer Lewin, Chairman of the World Executive of Agudath Israel, is one of the thirteen ministers in the provisional state structure, and that Agudath Israel was delegated three seats in the provisional parliament of Israel.

It is true what Mr. Frank states that Agudath Israel has a "very clearly defined ideology," an ideology which is based upon the Torah-Law of the Jewish people and, through this ideology, Agudath Israel strives to engender a state bound up not only with the Jewish past, but also with the Jewish future so that it can truly be a Jewish State.

But, it is not true that Agudath Israel "began by opposing any effort to colonize Palestine." From its very inception in 1912, Agudath Israel stressed in its organizational plank, the urgency of rebuilding Eretz Yisroel. At its first World Congress in Vienna in 1923, it established the KEREN HAYISHUV FUND, which bought land, colonized it, established kibbutzim, and sponsored the organization of religious labor groups. The kibbutzim of Agudath Israel organizations in Eretz Yis-

RABBI JECHIEL ELBAUM
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New York

CAHNMAN SAYS NJP EDITORIAL ON JEWISH VOTE ISSUE MISSED POINT

Editor, National Jewish Post:

Since the editorial writer of the "Post" prefers to appear as the spokesman of the present ZOA administration rather than as a neutral newspaper editor, as borne out by his remarks on "Poor Logic" in the National Jewish Post of Nov. 19, 1948, it would seem proper to point to the fact that his own logic does not hold much water.

Putting Gabe Cohen's argument in the right focus, I would say it is very fortunate indeed that there wasn't any "Jewish vote" in the way the GOP-ZOA chieftains wanted it, namely in the way of favoring the candidacy of Governor Dewey. To use Gabe Cohen's own words, this would have endangered "the position of the U. S. Jewish community." The conclusion is obvious that those who would have thus endangered the Jewish position in the recent past should not continue to do so in the near future. Not if they are good Jews and good Democrats. To be sure, the majority of the Jewish voters were wiser than the Jewish leaders this time, but it might be preferable to take no chances in case another test comes along. I am afraid there will be plenty of "necessity for rushing to Washington" in the days ahead.

There is, of course, nothing inherently wrong with being a Republican if one feels that way. However, it is intriguing to note that the two top Republicans among Jewish leaders in this country were Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver and Mr. Roger W. Straus. Mr. Straus, who even shared Gov-

WITH THE RABBIS

Rabbi Max Kleiman of the First Hebrew Congregation of Peekskill, N. Y. is the happy owner of a new Plymouth presented to him by his congregation in testimonial to his services as spiritual leader.

Rabbi Alexander Friedman will be installed as spiritual leader of Congregation Sons of Jacob in Haverstraw, New York Sunday. Rabbi Morris Max, executive vice president of the Rabbinical Council of America, will be one of the guest speakers.

Rabbi Israel Porath, Cleveland scholar, was honored at a city-wide Mizrahi Zionist meeting for his efforts to popularize the Talmud.

Congregation Knesseth Israel of Los Angeles has installed Rabbi Morris Kaplan as its spiritual leader.

Rabbi Abraham I. Jacobson was formally inducted as spiritual leader of Beth Hillel in Dorchester this week. Rabbi Herman Rubenovitz, president of the Rabbinical Council of Boston, was the installing rabbi.

The Jewish community of Sierra Madre will install Rabbi Ben Zion Bergman Sunday as their first spiritual leader.

Rabbi and Mrs. Nathan Drazin of Baltimore announce the Bar Mitzvah of their son, Israel, at the synagogue Dec. 11.

The Rev. Sidney M. Bogner was installed last week as rabbi of the Sunnyside Jewish Center of Long Island city. He succeeds Rabbi Samson A. Shain who accepted a pulpit in the Nassau Community Temple in Hempstead, L. I.

the miscalculation of the ZOA leadership.

The final observation is the most striking of all. The Truman administration is going to be socially progressive and so is the general climate of opinion in the new State of Israel. Only the ZOA, as presently constituted, is out of step. In the interest of the Jewish people, it would be therefore desirable to remedy the discrepancy as soon as possible. There is not much of a chance for harmony without it.

WERNER J. CAHNMAN
New York City

ST. PAUL ALSO HAD UNIFIED SOS DRIVE; LIKEWISE AID-TO-ISRAEL

Editor, National Jewish Post:

We note in your issue of Nov. 19 that you mention Memphis as the only city which has achieved unity in supplementary aid campaigns. We should like you to know that St. Paul has just completed in September its SOS campaign in which every organization in the city cooperated.

Our drive for Israel is a similar campaign. When the national offices of ZOA, B'nai B'rith, Jewish War Veterans and Labor Zionists asked their local chapters to conduct individual campaigns for aid to Israel, we notified them that the duplication of effort and public confusion could be eliminated and greater results achieved by a united effort on the part of all.

Individual identities were disregarded, and an agreement was reached that all food collected in this campaign for Israel would be sent to the national ZOA warehouse for reshipment and all other items such as clothing, tools, and equipment would be consigned to B'nai B'rith. These divisions were made to save

freight in shipment on carload lots.

We have been advised that we are the only state which has had its governor issue a proclamation setting aside the month of December as "Aid to Israel" month. This proclamation issued by Governor Luther W. Youngdahl on Thanksgiving Day launched our drive in St. Paul.

IRVING WALDMAN
General Chairman,
Aid to the People of
Israel, St. Paul
Federated Campaign

JNF Kosher in Poland

WARSAW.—(JTA)—Legalization of the status of the Keren Kayemeth and the Keren Hayesod in Poland was made known here this week by the Polish Government. The Keren Hayesod reported that despite the fact that the number of Jews in Poland this year is somewhat less than last year, the current drive for funds has been more successful than last year's.

CORRECTING NJP ON THE PICTURE OF YOUTH GROUPS IN PHILADELPHIA

Editor, National Jewish Post:

I would like to comment upon a news release appearing in your November 19th issue in regards to the Philadelphia Jewish Youth Conference for Israel, which is scheduled for that city during the week end of Dec. 10th, and the 12th.

Your dispatch presented a misleading assertion, as to the motivations and aims of the Conference. The inference was made in positive terms, that this conference which has brought together some 30 (thirty) Jewish youth organizations was a part of the unofficial 'struggle' now going on between several Philadelphia people and agencies who desire to encourage the formation of a Young Adult Jewish Community Council.

This is not so. The PJYCI has no relationship to this 'struggle' (perhaps the better word is discourse) and has not intimated, assumed, indicated, or posited that it has or will have any basic motives outside of its stated aims:

"To stimulate active Jewish youth participation and interest in Israel, its problems and its effect on American Jewry."

"To foster cooperation between Jewish youth groups in all activities related to Israel."

"To make Jewish youth more fully aware of the problems, economic, social, religious—confronting the new State and its effect upon the American Jewish community."

TORAH FIRST TELEVISED NOT IN N. Y. BUT IN PHILADELPHIA, SAYS READER

Editor, National Jewish Post:

In the November 19 issue of the "National Jewish Post," I noticed with interest a boxed story carrying the heading: "Torah Televised for First Time." The story referred to a telecast that weekend on station WABD in New York City.

While I am happy to see that such meaningful substance is being given to religious programs of Jewish content by television stations, my purpose in writing you is merely to keep the records straight.

As far as I have been able to learn, the first television display of the Torah was back on Sunday, June 27, 1947, at Station WFIL-TV. A portable ark and sacred scroll was taken to the studio, and from 2 to 2:20 p.m., Rabbi Louis M. Youngerman, assistant rabbi at Rodeph Shalom Congregation, explained to the television audience the religious significance of the display. A cantor assisted in singing the blessings and an actual portion of the Torah was read in Hebrew, following with translation, by a youth member of the congregation.

a Jewish wedding ceremony.

At the present time, televised religious programs of Jewish content are being presented by the JCRC in cooperation with the Board of Rabbis in connection with the "Church of the Air" series on WCAU-TV. Here again, the portable ark is being used for the visual background.

What is all-important is the fact that such use of religious symbols on television has met with gratifying response from both Jewish and Christian viewers. For the first time many have realized there is a deep and spiritual significance to Judaism as expressed by the symbols, and we feel that such constructive use of television helps the Christian to better understand the religious nature of the Jew and his passionate love for social justice for all mankind.

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Philadelphia

Lydda Airport Open For Civilian Traffic

TEL AVIV—(JTA)—Lydda airport was opened this week to civilian traffic. The field has not been used by non-military craft since the outbreak of fighting more than half-a-year ago.

Communications Minister David Remez, speaking at ceremonies marking the opening of the airport, declared that "we have returned to Lydda—this time as the rightful owners." The airport stretches over 500 acres and has the latest technical equipment. At present, Lydda airport can handle 60 planes daily.

Wallace Backer Makes Charge of Anti-Semitism

CIO Official Tells Convention Delegates Displayed Bigotry

By HARRY L. TURTLEDOVE
National Jewish Post Correspondent

PORLTAND, Or.—(NJP)—In a single daily session of its tenth annual convention, the CIO here last week heard a Portland rabbi call for repentance by Germany before it is forgiven, heard one of its vice presidents accuse the convention of having displayed anti-Semitism and finally passed a resolution calling for direct aid and full recognition of Israel.

Repentance and punishment is ened" by the demonstration, Fitzgerald said "One does not have to support Abe Feinglass to feel deeply hurt when he hears expressions coming from a few of the delegates, 'Why doesn't the dirty Jew sit down?'"

Fitzgerald's charge drew more boos and protests to which he replied, "I never in my life made up anything. I am just telling you what I heard."

He was followed to the rostrum by Jacob S. Potofsky, president of the Amalgamated Clothing Workers, who won applause when he said he regretted the allusion to anti-Semitism, because the CIO had always championed civil rights, tolerance and justice.

Histadrut Leader Speaks

Still later, the same day, Isaac Ben Zevie, president of the National Jewish Council of Israel was introduced to the convention. He delivered greetings from the Histadrut, the general confederation of labor unions in Israel, thanked the CIO for past aid and asked for future help.

The convention adopted a resolution rapping the 1948 DP act as "wholly inadequate and discriminatory," and called for full de jure recognition of Israel, lifting of the arms embargo, granting of a loan to Israel and U.S. support of Israel admission to the United Nations.

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MARV Pregelman, who used to play plenty of guard for Michigan, kicked a 25-yard field goal for the Detroit Lions to give his team a 17-14 triumph over the Pittsburgh Steelers.

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Benny Friedman, the former Michigan All-American, divides his time between New York and Detroit. He has businesses in both spots.

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Sid Tanenbaum, former NYU cage star, finally came to terms with the New York Knickerbockers and played his first game against the Philadelphia Warriors. After joining the Knicks last January, Tanenbaum scored 242 points in 24 games.

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The name of Al Rosen has been linked with several trades being proposed by the Cleveland Indians. Connie Mack is interested in the Miami, Fla. native who led the American Association in batting last year while with the Kansas City Club.

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When the Youngstown Jewish Center staged its annual athletic banquet in November, Bill McKinley, the youngest umpire in the American League, was the guest speaker. Another interesting feature was a skit by two of Youngstown's leading sportscasters, Don Gardner and Lee Leonard.

Samuel, Agnon Win New Awards

NEW YORK—(WNS)—Maurice Samuel and S. Y. Agnon have won the Louis LaMed Foundation prizes for the best two English books of Jewish content which appeared in the United States in the year 1948. The Louis LaMed Foundation is dedicated to the encouragement and appreciation of Jewish literature in the Yiddish language.

Samuel's prize winning book was his "Prince of the Ghetto," published jointly by Alfred A. Knopf and the Jewish Publication Society of America. Samuel's book, in part a translation and in part an evaluation of the works of J. L. Peretz, was awarded the prize because of its outstanding interpretation of Jewish life in a Yiddish milieu.

Agnon won the prize for his recent volume "Days of Awe," published by Schocken Books, Inc., an anthology of Jewish thought concerning Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur. The book, a translation from the Hebrew, represents an interpretation of Jewish thought drawn from the Hebrew.

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Jews In Sports

PRO CAGE PROMOTERS SEEK JEWISH PLAYERS EAGERLY

By HASKELL COHEN

ALTHOUGH the talk is thick and heavy about the Bowl football games, basketball has become the real topic of conversation throughout the east. Professional teams are well underway and several colleges have started their schedules. It becomes increasingly evident that the Washington Caps and the Rochester Royals are the best fives in the B.A.A. loop while the Philly Sphas are off to a good start in the American League.

Paterson with a crack list of top flight names is not going as well as expected in the American League. On paper this five figures to be good enough for a berth in the B.A.A. However, Coach Leo Marson is beginning to tear his hair out over the lackadaisical play of some of his stalwarts. If there isn't an improvement soon he may let one or two big shots go.

Among the colleges City College, listed in pre-season dope as the top quintet in the east, is having trouble rounding into shape. The foot injury which benched Mason Benson, possibly for the season, is going to hurt terribly. Already there are stories to the effect that the strong Beaver freshman five is walloping the varsity in scrimmages.

We caught the frosh in a game in Brooklyn against a strong Union Temple quintet and learned why they are so tough. They have good height and splendid ball movers who can shoot. Despite their overall strength they lost the opener against Manhattan Wreshmen at the latter's home court. Witnesses claim the boys from City were outmanned by the two home referees who handled the contest. It will be interesting to note how the two clubs make out in a return at City.



WILLY HOLZMAN AND LIONEL MALAMED, two City College alumni, are going great guns for Rochester, who are rated number one in the B.A.A. despite their early setbacks by Red Auerbach's Washington team. Auerbach has the Capitols off to their customary good start and is getting a lot of fine play out of Sonny Hertzberg, another Nat Holman alumnus.

Baltimore, defending B.A.A. champs, is in a bad way and doesn't have the Jewish ball player it desires to lure the many Jewish fans. Irv Torgoff has refused to play for the salary offered him but at this writing an effort is being made by loop proxy Maurice Podoloff for Torgy and the Bullet management to get together. It is likely by the time this column appears in print Torgoff will grace the Baltimore lineup. Coach Buddy Jeannette will welcome him with open arms.

Eddie Gard, speed demon with L.I.U., has just about recovered from the effects of his ankle injury and is seeing a lot of action in the early games. Gard together with Miller, Lipman, Horn and Tropin appear in Coach Clair Bee's regular lineups. Bee uses plenty of substitutions so that all these men will be employed. Now that L.I.U. has so many big men including the fabulous Sherman White they loom as strong contenders for eastern honors. They walloped St. Johns in a pre-season scrimmage but were mangled somewhat by City College when Mason Benson was in the lineup for Holman's crew.

ABE SAPERSTEIN, IN NEW YORK for his Globetrotters appearance, had many stories to unfold about his early days with the famous colored team. We sat in while Red Smith, famous Herald-Tribune columnist interviewed Abe and listened in rapture while the small promoter told about the early days when he used to play. Abe often stepped in and served as fifth man with the Trotters. He regaled Smith with the story written about the Trotters after they beat a team in Arcadia, Wis. The local sheet, next morning, headed the piece, "Four Gentlemen of dark hue and one of Hebrew vintage walloped our local boys last night."

Abe told Smith his club played for as low as five dollars and has earned fifteen thousand dollars for one night's pay. The team has played 3400 games and is now in its 22nd year. Abe's boys have won 92 per cent of their games, all on the road with home officials working the contests. Last year the Trotters earned \$21,000 for the Infantile Paralysis Fund during the month of January. It would take oodles of money to buy the club today but to Abe it seems like yesterday when he was playing for ten and fifteen dollars per night. His perseverance and patience have paid off handsomely.

Ecuador Will Take Some Shanghai Jews

QUITO, Ecuador—(JTA)—President Galo Plaza Lasso has indicated that Ecuador would be willing to help solve the acute Shanghai refugee crisis by accepting 100 families from among the 5000 Jewish refugees who have long been marooned in the Chinese port city.

In a special audience with the President, HIAS representatives

Dr. Henry Shoskes and Oscar Rocca suggested the plan as an emergency measure because of the extreme plight of the refugees in the beleaguered city. President Lasso expressed himself in favor of "such humanitarian solution," and immediately authorized his Foreign Minister to establish visa figures according to Ecuadorian absorptive capacity. The President also asked for speed in arranging the emergency program.

The Arabs, Too

TEL AVIV, Israel—(JTA)—A total of 80,000 residents of northern Israel, most of them Arabs, were inoculated in the past week by the Israeli Army medical service against smallpox.

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**Vote Postponed But Issue Most Debated
Topic At Interfraternity Conference**

Fraternity Leaders Sharply Attack Discrimination Tradition

NEW YORK—(NJP)—The National Interfraternity Conference voted this week to postpone until next year a decision on the hotly-debated issue of racial and religious discrimination in college fraternities.

The debate was of considerable interest to Jewish fraternities and sororities which have developed largely as a response to such practices which have traditionally been a part of fraternity philosophy.

Vigorous evidence that the tradition is on the wane was manifest in the heated debate on the issue which took more time and attention from the 700 delegates than any of the score of other problems they considered in the two-day meet.

The issue came before the delegates because the Alpha Chapter of Phi Kappa Psi at Amherst college recently admitted a Negro student. The chapter was thereupon suspended by the national body for "unfraternal conduct." The chapter has since become a

local fraternity.

David A. Embury, past chairman of the conference, served as chairman of the session on discrimination. He was sharply criticized by many of the delegates when he proposed that all those present who felt it was desirable to admit Negroes to white fraternities should also give their position on white and Negro intermarriage.

On a vote on the issue of admittance, the delegates retained the ban but also voted to deal with the issue at next year's conference.

An equally violent debate developed on the question of bars against Jewish students.

The position of those who opposed such discrimination was summarized by Alan Johnson of Syracuse University in these words:

"One of the primary purposes of a university is to send forth after graduation a well-rounded man with an open mind. Any type of religious discrim-

ination within a fraternity limits the acquisition of an open mind, a liberal viewpoint or a democratic outlook."

Anti-discrimination delegates admitted the legal right of the fraternities to bar anyone on grounds of their religion.

The pro-discrimination arguments were summed up by Eugene McNally of Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute who asserted:

"In a democracy we are assumed to have the right to choose our own friends. If we have to live together, eat with our fraternity brothers, drink beer with them, we should have the privilege of deciding whom to choose and whom to keep out. If you do not care to have a Catholic or a Jew as your friend, that is your privilege."

The delegates then voted to send the issue back to each of the 59 national fraternities in the conference for study and discussion.

Slight Confusion Over Charges But

Sanctions For Laggard Givers In Latin America Jewry Denied

BUENOS AIRES—Charges of communal sanctions against Jews in Latin American countries who fail to contribute to fund-raising drives were denied this week by the Israeli director of the Palestine Foundation (Keren Hayesod) office here, the Jewish Telegraphic Agency reported.

Gedalia Zuchowitzky, who assumed leadership of the United Jewish Campaign in Argentina for Israel and Jewish Refugees overseas, took issue with charges made by Rabbi M. Pincus of San Paulo, Brazil.

Rabbi Pincus reportedly charged recently that sanctions were imposed against Jews who were laggards in giving and announced he would fight against these alleged forcible fund-raising techniques.

Zuchowitzky emphasized that as late as last September, Rabbi Pincus was given an exhaustive explanation that no such sanctions were planned or carried out, the JTA said. He declared that Rabbi Pincus' allegations were "not in accordance with the existing facts" and emphasized that the Jewish Congregation of Sao Paulo has refuted the charges of their spiritual leader.

The JTA reported from Sao Paulo a statement from the Congregation and from the Jewish Emergency Campaign dissociating themselves from the charges made by Rabbi Pincus.

Some Confusion

The statement said that Rabbi Pincus wanted only to define the religious doctrine with regard to the problems of communal sanctions without referring specifically to the local situation. The statement to the JTA said that the article the rabbi published in the CHRONICA ISRÄELITA was not motivated by failure to get an official denial regarding sanctions, the statement said.

In its first story on the situation, the JTA reported that Rabbi Pincus "announced his opposition to imposition of communal sanctions against members of the various Jewish communities in Latin America who do not contribute to current pro-Israel fund-raising campaigns." The story added that Rabbi Pincus published his pro-

tests "following an unsuccessful attempt to obtain repudiation of the sanctions idea from the Central Jewish Committee of Brazil" or Zuchowitzky, NJP, Nov. 12.

The JTA said that Zuchowitzky said he has always opposed sanctions and that the Jews of Brazil have always responded wholeheartedly to fund-raising drives. He said Rabbi Pincus apparently based his charges on reports contained in some newspapers received from Argentina and Chile and on the fact that in the city of Porto Alegre, Brazil, during the proclamation of the local drive, the possibility of sanctions was mentioned.

No Such Activities

He said no central Jewish institution in Israel has asked for imposition of sanctions or any other compulsory measures in fund-raising activities in Latin American countries, which this year increased their contributions ten-fold.

The JTA said he added that any local organization, community or society, has the right to apply moral measures against those of their members who, according to the decisions and judgement of the majority, are not fulfilling their duty.

"It is impossible to force any organization to accept into its membership persons who do not comply with the program and the aims of this organization," he pointed out.

Boys Still Busy

BUDAPEST—(JTA)—Police officials were this week investigating an attack on the Jewish cemetery of the town of Koerfend in which the entire burial grounds were defiled and desecrated. Eight tombstones were destroyed. Koerfend is located in Western Hungary.

It Will Take Ten Times That

NEW YORK—Building the kind of relationships between Protestant, Catholic and Jew that "exists at its best in America" was listed this week by Harry S. Jones as his goal as a member of Gen. Lucius Clay's staff in Germany.

Jones left for Germany to serve for two years as religious affairs specialist in the department of educational and cultural relations in the American zone.

He received a two-year leave of absence from his post as director of the Louisiana-Mississippi area of the national conference of Christians and Jews.

Schlossberg Heads U. S. Histadrut Group

NEW YORK—(NJP)—Joseph Schlossberg was re-elected national chairman this week of the National Committee for Labor Palestine at the closing session of its two-day annual national convention.

He told the 3,000 delegates that the committee has received \$1,000,000 and that \$5,000,000 has been pledged toward the national goal of \$10,000,000.

Max Zaritsky SCHLOSSBERG was re-elected national treasurer; Abraham Miller, chairman of the board; and Isaac Hamlin as national secretary.

CINCINNATI—Plans to aid Jewish DPs coming to the U. S. under the new Refugee law will be outlined at a conference of the East Central States region of United Service for New Americans here Dec. 4-5.

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BUCHAREST—(JTA)—New by-laws for Jewish religious communities in Rumania were adopted here at a conference of more than 100 rabbis and representatives of Sephardic and Ashkenazic groups from all parts of the country. The by-laws, which, for the first time in 80 years, provide for the unification of all Jewish religious groups into one central

body, are based on the new law statute. Accordingly, communities regarding religious communities ties throughout Rumania will be authorized to establish religious schools—including Cheder's, Talmud Torah's and Yeshivos—while the training of religious minister will be organized by the government, in accordance with the existing laws concerning traditions as hitherto.

Under the new arrangements the Sephardic and Ashkenazic

communities will no longer function as separate groups but will merge into a single community although observing their specific traditions as hitherto.

Regional unions of Jewish communities will be abolished and each community will become directly affiliated with the Federation of Jewish Communities. The supreme religious authority will be an 11-member Rabbinical Council headed by the Chief Rabbi of the country.

Since the reorganized Rumanian state schools will no longer offer Hebrew instruction, the problem of religious education is given particular attention in the

Abe Tuvin Named AZEC Director

NEW YORK—(JTA)—The appointment of Abe Tuvin as executive director of the American Zionist Emergency Council was announced this week by the executive committee of the Council.

He succeeds to the post previously held by Harry L. Shapiro, newly-elected executive director of the United Palestine Appeal. Tuvin has been with the Council almost since its inception.

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England Gives Up UN Fight To Separate Negev From Israel

PARIS—Israel chose the first anniversary of the United Nations partition decision Monday as the date to make formal application for a seat in the world body as Great Britain abandoned attempts to lop the Negev from the Jewish State.

All indications at midweek pointed to Security Council approval of the membership bid, which meant a certain acceptance for support for a UN seat for by the necessary two-thirds of Israel.

Britain, struggling to the last for the final Bernadotte proposals—which would have handed the Negev over to King Abdullah of Transjordan, a British puppet—finally accepted the U. S. stand.

The U.S. stand on the surface sought to reconcile the partition decision and the Bernadotte plan. The U.S. proviso that no changes be made in boundaries without the consent of the Israeli, plus U. S. support for a conciliation commission to win peace, marked the abandonment of any attempts to impose a forced solution on the Jewish State.

The new Anglo-American unity was agreed on a refusal to accept Israeli claims both to the Negev and to western Galilee, conquered by Israeli arms. What this stand would amount to in terms of the final settlement could not be learned, though it was considered possible that some agreement and undertakes to honor them may have been reached to satisfy from the day when it becomes a member of the United Nations."

BRITISH SCHEMING TO STEAL ISRAEL'S STERLING DEPOSITS

PARIS (JTA)—The British Foreign Office has proposed to the Chancellor of the Exchequer, Sir Stafford Cripps, that he seize the whole remaining balance of Israel's sterling deposits in the United Kingdom, as security for reparations to be paid by Israel to the Palestinian Arab refugees, it was learned this week in informed United Nations circles. The total amount involved is said to be \$140,000,000—\$160,000,000.

The proposal is now under active consideration. It has already resulted in the holding up by the Bank of England and of the current release of sterling which was due Oct. 15. This quarterly allocation of \$28,000,000 is now six weeks overdue. It was to have covered Israel's purchases of essential foodstuffs in the sterling area and in the United States and Argentina.

They Admit It

Inquiries in London revealed that hitherto the allocation has been made within 48 hours of application. In reply to a request for the current release, it has been indicated that the release was held up on political grounds connected first with fighting in the Negev, then with sanctions discussions at the U.N. and finally because of the present refugee reparations question.

Israeli banking agents in London have been told that while on previous occasions the decision was made by the Bank of England authorities, the Bank had to wait for a decision. At the Treasury it was stated that the whole matter had to be referred

Israeli Won't Yield Beersheba

PEACE COMES TO JERUSALEM VIA OK OF CEASE FIRE ORDER

TEL AVIV, Israel—The possibility of a direct peace in Palestine rose this week when Israeli and Transjordan issued cease fire orders in the Jerusalem area which has been under machine gun and cannon fire since the partition decision.

The cease fire grew out of talks started last Saturday under United Nations auspices as UN officials pressed for the armistice ordered by the Security Council.

In other sectors of the Palestine debate, an impasse had been reached on a new interpretation by UN mediator Ralph Bunche of the Security Council order for withdrawal from the Negev.

The disputes centered on Israeli occupation of Beersheba, key to the southern defenses of Jerusalem; the Faluja pocket in which a large number of Egyptian troops remained trapped; refer the current payment to the and stationing of UN observers in the Negev.

Bunche Changes Mind

Bunche had originally accepted

CLASSES STARTED FOR GENTILES ONLY IN JUDAISM AND HEBREW READING

National Jewish Post

ROCK ISLAND, ILL.—A new twist in adult education classes was added here last week when more than 20 non-Jews enrolled for courses in Judaism and elementary Hebrew reading at the Tri-City Jewish Center.

The Center several weeks ago used daily newspapers and radio stations in Rock Island, Moline and Davenport, Ia., to invite non-Jews to attend the special classes, one "A Course in Judaism for Christians."

Several local ministers and public school teachers were among the first to enroll in the hour-long weekly classes. Rabbi Oscar Fleishaker, center executive director, is in charge.

Plans Set To Re-bury Herzl in Israel

TEL AVIV—(JTA)—A seven-member committee has been named by the Israeli Government to supervise arrangements for bringing the remains of Theodor Herzl from the Vienna cemetery where he is buried to Israel, it was reported here this week. It is planned to reinter Herzl's remains on the same day that the newly-elected Parliament will open.

Bernstein Completes Israeli Concert Tour

TEL AVIV, Israel—Leonard Bernstein, youthful American concert artist and composer, was scheduled to return to the United States this week after a two-months' engagement with the Israeli Philharmonic orchestra. He conducted 40 concerts in that period.

He ended his tour with a concert in Jerusalem and disclosed he planned to return for a longer engagement next year. He said he was thinking of working out a permanent connection with the orchestra so that he could share his time between Israel and America.

Bernstein said he had a wonderful time despite the fact that he and the orchestra worked at an unbelievable pace for the 60 days. Several times concerts were conducted within sound of shooting from nearby fronts.

Death Ordered For Polish Killers

WARSAW—(JTA)—Joseph Lelpold, former commandant of the Pendzin concentration camp, who personally killed 40 Jews during his administration of the camp, was sentenced to death this week by the Lublin district court. In Sosnowiec, the court imposed the death sentence on Bruno Tscharmer, a German, who was convicted on charges of participating in the annihilation of the Jews of Dombrova.

New York

KOESTLER AN IGNORAMUS; GRANADOS NEW BOOK GOOD

By M. Z. FRANK

If Jorge Garcia Granados were to write like Arthur Koestler, it would have been a lousy book. If George Fielding Eliot or Bartley Crum or Ruth Gruber were to write like Arthur Koestler, their books would have been lousy. If Homer Bigart, or Kenneth Bilby or Alvin Rosenfeld, or Sidney Gruson were to write like Arthur Koestler, they would be lousy reporters. Which is what Arthur Koestler is. He has been writing in the Manchester Guardian and in the New York Herald Tribune on Israel. But instead of reporting what he sees and hears he pontificates on subjects he does not know or understand. And, besides, he is terribly prejudiced and takes into his articles only remarks and views which agree with his prejudices.

Arthur Koestler's prejudices are against mankind in general and Jews in particular, with a special emphasis on the Jews in the 2,000 years of their Dispersion. And that is one thing he knows least about—the history of the Jews in the past two thousand years and all that goes with it.



BUT LET US TALK ABOUT something good for a change—the book by Jorge Garcia Granados, published by Alfred Knopf and entitled "The Birth of Israel."

It is the story of the United Nations and Palestine, told by one who has taken and is still taking a very active part in the deliberations and the decisions leading to Israel's independence and admission to the UN.

The Granados book is as important in telling the story of the United Nations' investigation and decisions as the Crum book is in telling the story of the Anglo-American Committee on Palestine. Crum's book is shorter and simpler; Granados is somewhat longer and somewhat more complicated.

But it is more interesting because of that. Crum's book made a terrific impact on American public opinion by revealing the fact that the State Department disregards the instructions of the President and pursues a policy in close alliance with the British Foreign Office, no matter what. That situation has not been completely remedied yet, but the public's confidence in the State Department has been shaken for good.

THE GRANADOS BOOK HAS NOT had such an effect as yet, and may never have it. But it tells a more telling tale about international relations and it reflects a vibrant and fascinating personality. Granados himself has taken a vigorous part in the fight for liberty in this own country, Guatemala, and in the fight for the freedom of Israel after he had begun to study the Jewish question.

It is a very well written book. For style it compares well with the Crum book which it resembles in that respect. I read it in a few successive sittings with a great deal of interest. It is a first class document on the subject. And it is the only one which tells the full story of the UN handling of the Palestine question.

SOMEONE ASKED ME, REGARDING MY REMARKS in last week's column on the Hebrew poet Jacob Cahan, what Hashomer had to do with it. Hashomer is not to be confused with Hashomer Hatzair. The former was the first para-military organization in Jewish Palestine many years ago—before the outbreak of the First World War. It is they (Ben-Gurion was one of their first members and founders) who adopted Cahan's slogan "By blood and fire Judea fell, by blood and fire she shall rise."

Hashomer Hatzair is a left-wing Labor Zionist organization formed after the First World War and now merged with the Mapam or United Labor Party in Israel.

U. S. Offers \$15 Million Five Rabbinic Schools For Arah DP Aid Planned in Rumania

PARIS—The United States delegation to the United Nations this week made a tentative pledge of \$15,000,000 for UN relief to the Palestinian Arab DPs.

The offer was understood to be contingent on willingness of the next Congress to appropriate the money and that meant that in any case, it would not be available before next March at the earliest.

UN Gets Busy
The offer was made after the UN General Assembly authorized a \$29,500,000 fund, which is to be underwritten by member nations. The resolution also authorized secretary-general Trygve Lie to set up machinery for prompt relief based on an immediate advance of \$5,000,000.

EARLIER, THE UN WAS INFORMED that there were now 250,000 Arab DPs, 100,000 of them without shelter, in the Palestine coastal strip between Gaza and the Egyptian border in southern Palestine.

Frederick Beard, Cairo representative for the UN disaster relief committee, said that the number still was growing.

BUCHAREST—(JTA)—The Rumanian Government will establish five schools for the training of rabbis and Jewish religious servants, a decree published in the Official Gazette announced this week.

The schools will be organized on the basis of the law regulating religious affairs. Under this law, the state must provide for the training of ministers of all the recognized religions in the country. The program of the schools will be worked out by the Supreme Rabbinical Council to be established under the new by-laws for the centralization of the work of the Jewish communities in Rumania.

Hungary Fights Hate

BUDAPEST—(JTA)—A Budapest court this week sentenced five persons to death and 25 others to terms of imprisonment varying from one month to five years, for pre-war, wartime and post-war anti-Semitic activity. Among those given prison terms were a group of youths arrested recently while raiding a Jewish cemetery in Budapest and smashing gravestones.